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AMENDMENT

This amendment is in response to non-final Office Action mailed January 15, 2003.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2 and 6.

Please add the following rewritten claims: 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8.

1. (Amended) A method for preparing a catalyst comprising a zeolite and a low acidity refractory oxide binder which is essentially free of alumina comprising:

- preparing an extrudable mass by first mixing a zeolite and an acid silica sol into a first homogeneous mixture having a pH below 7 and subsequently adding an amine compound to the first homogeneous mixture such that the pH of the resulting second mixture has a value of above 8,
- extruding the extrudable mass resulting from step (a),
- drying the extrudate resulting from step (b); and,

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